

NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term Issue 11

Dear Parent and Carer,

What an enjoyable week it has been. I have had the pleasure of being on lunch duty for 3 days, and I honestly had such a great time. Seeing the children running around and playing; having fun and living life for the moment really filled me with joy. I had forgotten what a caring and nurturing bunch they are too. If there were any accidents or trips, the children rallied around to help their friends out. The sunshine helped too.

COVID update: No new updates or news this week, other than the fact that as a staff we have all revisited our risk assessment and our operating procedures. We continue to wear face masks and are limiting meetings that are face to face. It's proving very challenging at times, but we are getting there, and continue to put the safety of the children and keeping the school open, at the top of our priority list.

Reading: I wanted to spend a bit of time talking about reading. As you know, our entire curriculum is centred around books and literature. Sadly, and I put this down to the pandemic, like many schools we have noticed a slight drop off in reading. We still teach reading daily of course, but the restrictions and freedom of books and reading records going home is certainly impacting. So, we are re-launching reading this week and we really need your help. Mrs Pulley will have written to you all this week explaining how we are going to buy every child in the school their own book. This coupled with other in school incentives, will hopefully reignite the children's love for reading. If I could ask parents and carers to really have a push at home too that would be great. Worse case scenario, you have my absolute blessing (not that you need it) to forfeit all other homework and concentrate on reading. Reading daily for 15-30 minutes, depending on their age; speaking to your children about the book; the

characters; asking questions and ensuring they have understood what they read is an essential part of their education. It will enable us to deliver our exciting and engaging curriculum, whilst of course embedding a love and thirst for reading and vocabulary. I know so many of you are already doing this, so thank you in advance.

That is it from me this week. I hope you all have a great weekend. Enjoy the sunshine (and a good book), and roll on next week.

Kind regards
Kieran Walsh

Lannergrams

Well done to everyone who received a Lannergram this week:

Y1: Kaian D, Archie G, Heidi W

Y2: Logan H, Alice M, Caitlin W

Y3: Hollie R, Declan R, Xavier W

Y4: Zach B, Keira C, Oscar G

Y5: Kasie E, Max R, Charlie S

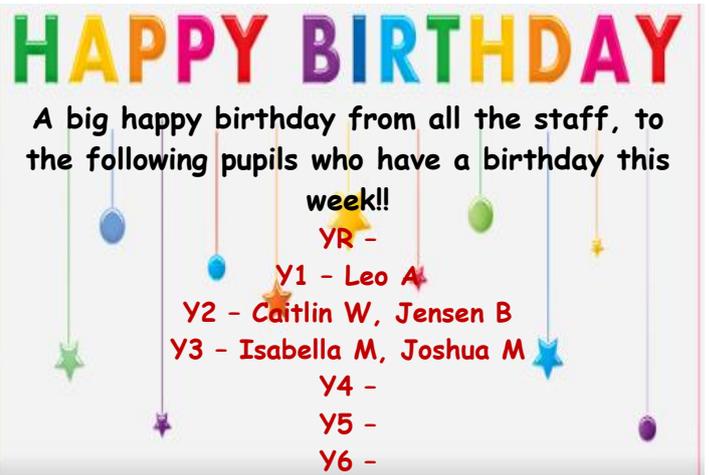
Y6: Lillie-Mae H, Hector J, Finn L

Attendance Cup

The attendance cup was awarded to **Year 2** this week for their attendance.

The Attendance this week -

Group	% Attend
Year 1	98.2
Year 2	99.1
Year 3	97.9
Year 4	90.4
Year 5	97.6
Year 6	96.8
Totals	96.6



Blackbird Pie

Welcome to the winter issue of BlackbirdPie online magazine!

Despite everything there are festive things to see and do this year, from glittering gardens lit with myriad lights to light-hearted theatre shows. Everyone has gone to great lengths to make things as Covid-safe as possible.

We have searched out quite a lot of free activities and events too including sparkling yuletide markets with entertainers, free entry at PK Porthcurno and The Box Plymouth, stories, videos and art activities to download, interesting winter walks and historic sites to explore.

As well as the new online format we will be doing more on facebook and Instagram, so please seek us out for regular activities, ideas and updates in between issues.

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/cornwallchristmas2020/>



Christmas 2020 and New Year
BlackbirdPie
Cornwall's what's-on for families

What's on:
Christmas
and the
New Year

Theatre shows
Festive events
Book reviews
Videos to
watch and
stories to
hear

Offers and
free events

The Mousehole Cat
by Antonia Barber, adapted by Alan M Kent
performed by Cousin Jack's Theatre Company

ON
SCREEN!

Christmas dinner menu

Please note the Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 16th December, if you wish for your child to have a Christmas dinner please book by the 10th December.

All existing bookings have been cancelled please log into SchoolComms and rebook.

Thanks

Christmas Lunch Menu 2020

Roast Turkey
or
Parasnip and Sweet Potato Loaf

Served with
Roast Potatoes,
Sage and Onion Stuffing
Gravy
Carrot & Garden Pea Medley
Brussel Sprouts

Dessert
Christmas Gingerbread Biscuit
or
Christmas Pudding with Custard

Year 4

This is Y4 packing shoeboxes for 'Operation Christmas Child', a project run by Samaritan's Purse every Christmas. They wrote letters to their parents, persuading them to donate money to buy goodies to fill the boxes and raised an amazing 70 pounds! The boxes have been dropped at the collection point and we look forward to receiving an email to tell us where they have gone!

Mrs Walters